

49BC

Caesar crosses Rubicon to  
start civil war 1-19-49BC  
("Alea jacta est")

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1-19-49 BC

Caesar crossed Rubicon

FEB 49 BC

JAN. 49 BC MAR 49 BC [CAESAR CROSSES RUBICON (1-19-49)]

Plenty Caesar had not made preparation for civil war. He had only one legion with him in CISALPINE GAUL. The other 10 (an irresistible force) were far distant.

But the Senate at last made him choose between civil war and ruin both to himself and to all noble hopes for the Roman world. Promptly he chose war & in Jan. 49 BC he led his one legion into Italy. A Roman praetor was strictly forbidden by law to bring an army into Italy; and the story goes as Caesar crossed the RUBICON, he exclaimed "The die is

cost!" He never again looked back. With audacious  
rapidity he moved directly upon the much larger  
forces that ponderous Pompey was mustering  
slowly; and in 60 days; (Nov 49 BC) almost without  
blood, he was master of the peninsula

APR  
MAY 49 BC  
JUNE

SPAIN & GREECE

Pompey still controlled most of the empire; but Caesar held the capital and the advantage of Italy's central position. Turning to Spain, in three months he dispersed the armies of Pompey's lieutenants there.

49 BC → 48 BC

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Caesar was appointed Dictator

49BC

Caesar marched to OSIMO. The people let him in the town & Pompey's forces fled. News of this created panic in Rome, where POMPEY's government was sitting. From OSIMO Caesar moved swiftly through the entire region of PICENUM. He was provided with supplies and welcomed by all the towns. Caesar surrounded the town of SULMO, then the town of CORFINIUM. He forced those towns to surrender & absorbed POMPEY's

coholed into his own army. He did not punish in any way those in the town who had conspired against him.



49-31 B.C.

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End of the Roman Republic  
Julius Caesar returned with his  
army from Gaul.

Feb 49 B.C. - He is proclaimed dictator  
for life.

3-15-44 B.C. He was assassinated  
Octavian and Mark Antony shared power  
after defeating the Army of Brutus &  
Cassius - Caesar's killers.

Antony married Cleopatra (divorcing

his wife - the sister of Augustus. Octavian  
& the Senate declared war.

Antony is defeated - Battle of  
ACTIUM in 31 BC

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49 BC

Rome

Caesar Crossed the RUBICON

49-46 BC

Civil War in Rome. There  
was a difference of 3 mos between  
seasons and the Cal.

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Caesar enfranchised the whole  
of Italian Gaul. i.e. They  
received full Roman Citizenship

JAN. 10, 49 BC

To avoid war, Caesar made one last offer to lay down his command if Pompey would also. This was again refused and on Jan. 10, 49 BC Caesar crossed the RUBICON R., the river that separated his province from Italy and the CIVIL WAR began.

Early 49 BC

Caesar moved with lightning rapidly down the east coast of Italy. He took PICENUM and CORFINIUM while Pompey withdrew his entire force to BRUNDISIUM (Heel of the boot) and sailed to Greece. Almost overnight Caesar became the master of Italy. But he was not in an enviable position. Pompey controlled SPAIN on one side of Italy & secured a stable base on the other.

side in Greece. In addition Pompey controlled  
the sea. Caesar was virtually surrounded



49 BC

Returning from Spain, Caesar held the dictatorship for 11 days in Early Dec. 49 BC, long enough to get himself elected consul and then set out for Greece in pursuit of Pompey.

Middle 49 BC & Fall.

After Pompey left Caesar set out at once for Spain and pacified that Province.